

# Senate File 32 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act granting the right-of-way to public transit buses  
2 reentering the flow of traffic and providing penalties.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
4 TLSB 1095SS 83  
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 321.324B YIELD TO PUBLIC TRANSIT  
1 2 BUSES.  
1 3 1. The operator of a motor vehicle shall yield the  
1 4 right-of-way to a bus operated by a public transit system, as  
1 5 defined in section 324A.1, traveling in the same direction  
1 6 that has signaled and is reentering the flow of traffic.  
1 7 2. This section does not relieve the operator of a bus  
1 8 from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all  
1 9 persons using the roadway.  
1 10 3. A person convicted of a violation of this section  
1 11 commits a simple misdemeanor punishable as a scheduled  
1 12 violation under section 805.8A, subsection 7, paragraph "b".  
1 13 Sec. 2. Section 321.482A, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code  
1 14 2009, is amended to read as follows:  
1 15 Notwithstanding section 321.482, a person who is convicted  
1 16 of operating a motor vehicle in violation of section 321.275,  
1 17 subsection 4, section 321.297, 321.298, 321.299, 321.302,  
1 18 321.303, 321.304, 321.305, 321.306, 321.307, 321.308, section  
1 19 321.309, subsection 2, or section 321.311, 321.319, 321.320,  
1 20 321.321, 321.322, 321.323, 321.323A, 321.324, 321.324A,  
1 21 321.324B, 321.327, 321.329, or 321.333 causing serious injury  
1 22 to or the death of another person may be subject to the  
1 23 following penalties in addition to the penalty provided for a  
1 24 scheduled violation in section 805.8A or any other penalty  
1 25 provided by law:  
1 26 Sec. 3. Section 805.8A, subsection 7, paragraph b, Code  
1 27 2009, is amended to read as follows:  
1 28 b. For violations under sections 321.298, 321.307,  
1 29 321.308, 321.313, 321.319, 321.320, 321.321, 321.324B,  
1 30 321.327, 321.329, and 321.333, the scheduled fine is  
1 31 thirty-five dollars.

## EXPLANATION

1 33 This bill requires the driver of a motor vehicle to yield  
1 34 the right-of-way to a public transit bus traveling in the same  
1 35 direction that has given a signal and is reentering the flow  
2 1 of traffic. The requirement applies only for buses operated  
2 2 by a regional or urban transit system. The bill specifies  
2 3 that the driver of such a bus is not relieved of the  
2 4 responsibility to drive with due regard for the safety of all  
2 5 persons using the roadway.  
2 6 A violation of the requirement to yield to a public transit  
2 7 bus is a simple misdemeanor punishable by a scheduled fine of  
2 8 \$35. If the violation causes serious injury, the driver may  
2 9 be subject to an additional fine of \$500 or driver's license  
2 10 suspension for up to 90 days, or both. For a violation  
2 11 causing death, the driver may be subject to an additional fine  
2 12 of \$1,000 or license suspension for up to 180 days, or both.  
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